

Hello Sierrama Firewise members,

We were successful in putting together a FREE chipping day for our community on April 3, 2023.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Either complete the attached chipping form and send it to me or you can go onto the following website and complete it online. On the FORM in the CROSS STREET field - please place **SFW** .... This is how they will know to group all of our homes together for April 3rd. If you need help completing the form, let me know. Don't worry about being exact on how much you will be chipping - just make your best estimates. Please complete the form **NOW**. These estimates are used by the Firesafe Council to report activity back as required by the grant that provided the funding.

If you complete it online, please send me an email to let me know that you are participating. Our goal is to have at least 20 homes. Hopefully everyone has something to chip.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE APRIL 3rd**

Then as we get closer to the date, complete your chipping. If you help with chipping, SEND ME AN EMAIL, and we will see if we can some of us in the neighborhood to help. If you want to volunteer to help, let me know that I can coordinate this activity with our board.

I have attached a picture of how the branches should be laid out on your driveway or other location. If you have a PG&E pole on your property, **PLEASE** consider creating a 5-foot defensible space around it. If a pole falls across our street due to fire, it will block our evacuation routes.

REMEMBER: All defensible space activity and costs will count toward our neighborhood annual NFPA requirements to maintain our Firewise Status. I have attached the form to complete to track your time and costs.

This will be the **FIRST** community utilizing the Firesafe council to support a Firewise community with a consolidated chipping day and we need YOU to make it a success. So, please take advantage of this opportunity. I appreciate you giving serious consideration in participating. You don't have to have LOTS of defensible space to participate. All are welcome.

The chips will be left behind for you to use as mulch. If you don't want the chips, I'm sure we can find others that would come and get them.

Thank you for your participation in our free chipping day.

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Chair  
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